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Investigation of the Tungabhadra project.

*207 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state the further progress made in the investigation of the Tungabhadra project during the course of the year and the stage which the negotiations, if any, with the Government of His Exalted Highness the Nizam of Hyderabad have reached?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to question No. 16 on 19th November 1930.

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"May I know, Sir, whether the Nizam's Government have agreed to join this Government in investigating this project? I hear rumours about that; may I know whether the Government have received any communication about it?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—"No, Sir, we have not received any communication."

Diwan Bahadur M. Gopalaswami Mudaliyar:—"From the answer given on the 19th November 1930, I have been led to believe that the whole question is likely to be shelved, and therefore may I ask the Member for Revenue to take up the project as recommended by the Ceded Districts Irrigation Committee?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—"I cannot accept the premises of the hon. Member. I don't see any reason why the matter is likely to be shelved."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"May I know at which particular site the Government are going to carry out the scheme?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—"I am sorry I cannot say."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I know when the Government propose to complete the investigation?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—"I am unable to say when it will be completed."

Mr. K. Koti Reddi:—"May I know what prevents the Government from taking active measures on the recommendations of the Ceded Districts Irrigation Committee and fixing the site at Malappuram?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—"We have been taking active measures. If we fix the site at Malappuram a large area of the land in Hyderabad State will be submerged and we cannot proceed with the work without consulting His Exalted Highness' Government."

Mr. K. Koti Reddi:—"Then in that case why not you fix the site on the other side of the river at Timmalapuram?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—"That will submerge land belonging to the Bombay Presidency and the Mysore State."

Withholding of water for cultivation from ryotwari pattadars for participating in political activities.

*208 *Q.*—Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state in how many cases water for cultivation purposes has been withheld from ryotwari pattadars in the Northern Circars on the ground that they either took part in or sympathised with the civil disobedience movement?

A.—The Government have not the information.

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Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—"In view of the seriousness of the allegations made in regard to this, may I know whether the Government will call for the information ?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"I don't think it is necessary to call for it."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—"May I take it, Sir, that the Government are satisfied that there have been such cases ?"

The hon Mr A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—"No, Sir, the Government are not aware of such cases."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"May I know who authorized the tahsildars to issue circulars withholding water for cultivation purposes ? I myself have seen some of those circulars."

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—"I am not aware of any such circulars."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"I have heard tahsildars declaring that they have been duly authorized to issue those circulars."

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—"I have not heard of any such circulars."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—"Will Government issue now at least orders to their subordinates not to hinder the supply of water to cultivators ?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—"It is open to the aggrieved parties to appeal to the Collector who will look into the matter."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"May I know, Sir, why water has been disallowed to irrigable lands when as a matter of fact it has been allowed for the last so many years even on the footing of wet lands ?"

The hon Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—"If these complaints are brought to the notice of the Collector by the aggrieved parties, he will no doubt look into them."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—"Considering the fact that there is a widespread impression that such orders have been issued, will the Government reconsider this question and call for the information ?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—"I would prefer to leave the matter to the persons affected to resort to the usual procedure which is open to them."

Land Assignment

Application for grant of land by Diwan Bahadur D. Seshagiri Rao.

* 209 *Q.*—Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Diwan Bahadur D. Seshagiri Rao, Advocate of Cocanada, has applied for a grant of land in the district of East Godavari ;

(*b*) what is the extent of the land that he has applied for ;

(*c*) what is the recommendation of the Collector of the District thereon ;

(*d*) whether this gentleman has been organising the People's Party and Loyalists' meetings in the district ; and

(*e*) at what stage the question is at present ?